

SEVENTEENTH DAY

(Continued)

(Thursday, February 10, 1955)

After Recess

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
February 10, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. B. No. 90, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 144, H. B. 545, Acts 51st Leg., R. S., p. 265, so as to include a student health clinic in the enumeration of buildings, structures, equipment, and facilities, that the Board of Directors of Texas Southern University may be authorized and empowered to acquire, equip, and finance as provided in Chapter 144; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the Acts of County Boards of School Trustees in counties of more than 300,000 population according to the last preceding Federal Census, in ordering elections under the provisions of Chapter 259, Acts 1947, 50th Legislature, Regular Session, for the annexation of independent and common school districts to contiguous independent school districts and in annexing territory not included in any school district to contiguous independent school districts, as authorized by Chapter 334, Article VIII, Acts 1949, 51st Legislature, Regular Session; validating all such elections and all elections subsequently held in such independent districts authorizing maintenance taxes, debt assumption and new construction bonds; authorizing the levy of such taxes, the assumption of indebtedness and the issuance of such new construction bonds; providing that this Act shall not apply to any such districts involved in litigation questioning such changes or elections, taxes, debt assumption or new construction bonds; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 152, A bill to be entitled

"An Act providing procedure for summary sale by enforcement and foreclosure of tax liens on real property by the State, county, cities, towns, districts and all other subdivisions of government with taxing power, if such real property is unrendered and the taxes delinquent for seven (7) successive years or more, and is not the homestead of the owner, and the assessed valuation of same does not exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, eliminating the necessity of foreclosure of tax liens by suits in courts as to such real property; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 358, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the name of 'McKnight State Sanatorium' created by House Bill 373, Ch. 343, Acts of the 52nd Leg., Regular Session, 1951, to McKnight State Tuberculosis Hospital; providing that all laws heretofore or hereafter enacted by the Legislature applicable or relating to 'McKnight State Sanatorium' shall be applicable and relate to McKnight State Tuberculosis Hospital; providing that all appropriations heretofore or hereafter made by the Legislature for the use and benefit of 'McKnight State Sanatorium' shall be available for the use and benefit of McKnight State Tuberculosis Hospital; ratifying existing contracts; and declaring an emergency."

The House has concurred in Senate amendments to H. C. R. No. 14 by viva voce vote.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Bills on First Reading

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bills were introduced, were read the first time and referred to the committees indicated:

By Senator Lock:

S. B. No. 186, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7166, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925; providing a severability clause; repealing Article 7165, R.C.S., and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Banking.

By Senator Lock:

S. B. No. 187, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt from existing

statutes regulating the length of motor vehicles which may be operated in this state, such vehicles or combinations of vehicles used exclusively to transport poles, piling or unrefined timber from the point of origin of such timber to a wood processing mill not more than seventy-five (75) miles distant; imposing conditions governing such vehicles; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Senator Rogers of Travis:

S. B. No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating, ratifying and confirming bonds for construction of an auditorium and necessary equipment and facilities, including parking facilities and necessary equipment heretofore authorized and any and all acts and proceedings in connection with authorizing such bonds by any incorporated city, including Home-Rule cities and validating, ratifying and confirming the pledging the revenues of the auditorium, coliseum, and the facilities and parking facilities in connection with both, including future extensions, additions, replacements and improvements to both and further pledging other revenues to be derived from parking meters and certain swimming pools in the city, and providing for the payment of such bonds and interest thereon, and providing that this Act shall not apply in certain instances, and providing this Act to take precedence over other laws or parts thereof in conflict herewith, and providing a saving clause, and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Kelley:

S. B. No. 189, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1061, 1068 and 1070, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, pertaining to fees allowed district or county attorneys, by raising the fee allowed for conviction of misdemeanors; raising the fees allowed when the defendant pleads guilty before a Justice of the Peace or is convicted on a plea of not guilty before a Justice of the Peace; raising the fee allowed where pleas of guilty are accepted in the justice court at a time other than the regular term thereof; repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Corbin:

S. B. No. 190, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of House Bill No. 473, Chapter 9, Acts of the Forty-sixth Legislature, Special Laws, 1939, as amended, so as to provide for a purchasing agent in counties having a population of 100,000 or more inhabitants according to the last preceding Federal census; providing that the salary of the purchasing agent shall be set at a figure not less than Thirty-six Hundred Dollars (\$3600.00), nor more than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) per year and providing that this salary shall be paid out of the General Fund and/or the Road and Bridge Fund; providing for a repealing clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Lane:

S. B. No. 191, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the subject matter embraced in Section 3 providing benefits, Section 4 providing benefit eligibility conditions, Section 5 providing for disqualification for benefits, Section 6 providing for claims for benefits, Section 7 providing for contributions, Section 8 providing for duration of coverage, Section 10 providing for the Texas Employment Commission, Section 11 providing for administration, Section 11-B providing for reproduction and destruction of records, Section 14 providing for the collection of contributions, Section 15 providing for protection of rights and benefits, Section 16 providing for penalties, and Section 19 providing definitions of terms, of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, as amended, (Senate Bill No. 5, Chapter 482, General and Special Laws of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Third Called Session, 1936, as amended); and to repeal Section 3-A of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, as amended; providing an effective date for this Act and its sections; providing for the repeal of all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; providing for the separability of provisions; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Resolution Signed

The President signed in the presence of the Senate after the caption had been read the following enrolled resolution:

H. C. R. No. 14, Granting permission to W. C. Frey to sue the State of Texas and the Game and Fish Commission.

House Bills on First Reading

The following House bills received from the House today were read the first time and were referred to the committees indicated:

H. B. No. 90, to the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 271, to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 152, To the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 358, to the Committee on State Affairs.

House Bill 104 Re-referred

On motion of Senator Moffett, and by unanimous consent, H. B. No. 104 was withdrawn from the Committee on State Highways and Motor Traffic and re-referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Lock the Senate at 10:48 o'clock a. m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m. on Monday, February 14, 1955.

Record of Vote

Senator Phillips asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the motion to adjourn.

EIGHTEENTH DAY

(Monday, February 14, 1955)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bracewell	Owen
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Hazlewood	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Lane	Strauss
Latimer	Wagonseller
Lock	Weinert
Martin	Willis
McDonald	

Absent—Excused

Ratliff

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation as follows:

Our Father, we read in Thy word that Thou didst lay the foundations of the earth amid the singing of the morning stars and the joyful shouts of the sons of God. We pray that Thou wilt lift us out of our little selves into Thy gladness, and give to us eyes to see and hearts to feel "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." For Christ's sake. Amen.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, February 10, 1955, was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Leave of Absence

Senator Ratliff was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion by Senator Hardeman.

Report of Standing Committee

Senator Corbin submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,
February 14, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred S. B. No. 153, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

CORBIN, Chairman.

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Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 247, General Laws of the 43rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1933, as amended, by adding Section 246 to provide for